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<i>Title of the Invention:</i> AUTOMATED DIAGNOSTIC ANALYZER AND METHOD		



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Dear Sir:

The materials listed on the accompanying Forms PTO-1449, from the parent application having U.S. Application No. 09/303,030 filed April 30, 1999, are cited in this divisional application in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references with respect to the present application. Copies of these references can be found with the parent application and, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), will not be resubmitted unless requested by the Examiner.

Applicants also wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner co-pending applications, Serial Nos. 09/721,921 and 09/825,067, which may be deemed to be related in subject matter to the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application and therefore no fee or certification is necessary.

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